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MEMORANDUM FOR: Director of Training

SUBJECT : Weekly Report of School of Intelligence and
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COURSE ACTIVITIES

Advanced Intelligence Seminar

A pre-course session was held Friday, 3 September at Headquarters. At that session the staff provided the students with an overview of the course and raised basic administrative points. Several students offered useful suggestions.

With last minute planning now underway, the course itself appears to be shaping up for a successful launching. The over-all quality of scheduled speakers is reasonably high, and commitments are generally firm. The class itself, while limited to 25 in order to better establish a seminar atmosphere, has representation from all the Directorates.

OTHER ACTIVITIES

1. Newly-acquired OSS Diary

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25X1A9a Walter Pforzheimer, Curator of HIC, has enriched [] historical research materials with a newly-acquired "first" -- a wartime diary written by a top OSS official. It was penned by [] head of the OSS Planning Group, who took note -- and not immodestly, according to Tom -- of Washington rumors that "Bill (Donovan) and I are running OSS." 25X1A9a [] recently died, and his son -- a Yale law school classmate of Pforzheimer -- made the document available to him for examination and evaluation. It is the first such personal, daily, inside account of OSS that Tom has seen.

25X1A9a [] aged 60, ex-law professor, and hoping to retire to write stories, 25X1A9a was no mere chronicler or petty diarist. [] concentrated a keen mind, a poetical style, and concern on the problems and issues that beset OSS, the administration, and the country. He left a document chocker-block full of "goodies" which defy summarization. Perhaps the most valuable single 25X1A9a section is [] account of what was surely "the dark night" of the OSS 25X1A9a existence, the winter of 1943 when Roosevelt, according to [], was intent upon suppressing Donovan as being too powerful and ambitious; here is an

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account of a Sunday morning when Donovan and [] decided to resign in the face of FDR's expressed wish to subordinate OSS to the G-2 rule of "the vicious bully, General Strong." Stoically contemplating collapse, [] concluded: "It has been a great adventure....but this is a treacherous life."

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2. TDY to []

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[] departed on an abrupt TDY to [] on Friday. The station had called for a two-day briefing on an emergency basis and [] was requested because of his highly successful recent program for that station.

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